land for construction of court buildings and also due to non-availability of required manpower to man these FTCs. The Central Government have advised such State Governments to take available buildings on rent and recruit qualified and eligible persons from the Bar for appointment as Judges so that all the FTCs could be established and made functional as per the target fixed.

Compliance of SC directives on FTCs

2811. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. ABRAR AHMED :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the judgements/directions/rulings of the Supreme Court on setting up of Fast Track Courts and their working have been communicated to the State Governments and High Courts for their compliance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Periodically the case relating to fast track courts is coming up in the Supreme Court in which the representatives of the State Governments appear. The Registry of the Supreme Court also sends the copy of the directions of the Supreme Court to the concerned authorities.

The copies of the Supreme Court's Judgement dated 6th May, 2003 in the case of Brij Mohan Lal Vs. Union of India & Others pertaining to fast track courts have been circulated to the State Governments and the High Courts for their compliance.

Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies

2812. SHRI V.V RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the delimitation of the Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies is expected to be completed before the next General election; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the delimitation process, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The section 10(6) of the Delimitation Act, 2002 provides that the Delimitation Commission shall endeavour to complete its exercise within

two years of its constitution. The Delimitation Commission has stated that consequent to enactment of the Constitution (Eighty-seventh Amendment) Act, 2003, providing for delimitation on the basis of 2001 census, the earlier delimitation exercise, which was being done on the basis of 1991 census, has since been discontinued. The delimitation work is now to be carried out on the basis of 2001 final census figures which are yet to be supplied by the Registrar General.The Delimitation Commission has informed that the final census data of 2001 Census is expected to be published only in October, 2003. As per present indications, it may not be possible to complete the exercise for all states in time for the next Lok Sabha election normally due in October, 2004. In this context, it has also infomed that the Election Commission would also take about 4 to 6 months for collation of electoral rolls in terms of newly delimited constituencies, revision of lists of polling stations, appointment of electoral registration officers, returning officers and so on. However, the Delimitation Commission has stated that it would endeavour to complete the work as expeditiously as possible.

(b) The Delimitation Commission has informed that it has prepared Paper-I in respect of all States showing the distribution of the Assembly Constituencies to various districts in the States on the basis of provisional data of 2001 Census, published by the Registrar General. This paper hs been sent to the Associate Members of the States/Union terrtories concerned and meetings to discuss the relevant issues have been held in various States and also in New Delhi. A Statement showing the meetings held by the Delimitation Commission is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Delimitation Commission—Meetings held in June & July 2003

	State	Date	Time	Meeting with	Place
Meetings in June, 2003					
		17-06-2003	11.00	CEO,	
		(Tuesday)	12.00	SEC & CEO,	
1.	Tamil Nadu		14.30	Political Parties	Chennai
		18-06-2003	10.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Wednesday)	12.00	Press Meeting	
		19-06-2003	10.00	CEO,	
		(Thursday)	11.00	SEC & CEO,	

	State	Date	Time	Meeting with	Place
2.	Pondicherry		14.30	Political Parties	Pondicherry
		20-06-2003	10.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Friday)	12.00	Press Meeting	
3.	Manipur	24-6-2003	11.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Tuesday)			Delhi
4.	Haryana	24-6-2003	15.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Tuesday)			Delhi
Meetings held in July, 2003					
		02-07-2003	11.00	CEO,	
		(Wednesday)	12.00	SEC & CEO,	
5.	Himachal		14.30	Political Parties	Shimla
	Pradesh	03-07-2003	10.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Thursday)	12.00	Press Meeting	
6.	Orissa	08-07-03	11.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Tuesday)			Delhi
7.	Sikkim	08-07-03	15.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Tuesday)			Delhi
8.	Punjab	09-07-03	11.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Wednesday)			Delhi
9.	Uttaranchal	09-07-03	15.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Wednesday)			Delhi
10.	Assam	10-07-03	11.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Thursday)			Delhi
11.	Gujarat	10-07-03	15.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Thursday)			Delhi
12.	Meghalaya	11-07-03	11.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Friday)			Delhi
13.	Tripura	11-07-03	15.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Friday)			Delhi
14.	Kerala	14-07-2003	11.00	CEO,	
		(Monday)	12.00	SEC & CEO,	
			14.30	Political Parties	Thiruvan-anthapuram
		15-07-2003	10.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
		(Tuesday)	12.00	Press Meeting	

	State	Date	Time	Meeting with	Place
15.	Karnataka	16-07-2003 (Wednesday)	11.00	CEO,	
			12.00	SEC & CEO,	
			14.30	Political Parties	Bangalore
		17-07-2003 (Thursday)	10.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
			12.00	Press Meeting	
16.	Andhra Pradesh	18-07-2003 (Friday)	11.00	CEO,	
			12.00	SEC & CEO,	
			14.30	Political Parties	Hyderabad
		19-07-2003 (Saturday)	10.00	AMs/SEC/CEO	
			12.00	Press Meeting	

Declaration of records of candidates

2813. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any policy decision on the Election Commission's directive regarding the announcement of assets, past criminal records, educational qualifications of the candidates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the matter is under Government's consideration?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir. The judgement of the Supreme Court is final and no policy decision in this regard is to be taken.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Delegations sent abroad

2814. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP :

SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH :

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the delegations sent abroad by her Ministry during the last four years, countries visited and composition of the delegations; and

(b) whether these delegations were in response to invitations from abroad?